MARCH IMPORTANT MONTH FOR THE HOME GARDENER

Armchair gardening should be about over for the season.

L. C. Beamer, associate horticulturist at VPI, says March is the time for for the home gardener to really get to work—outside.

It's time to start planting such vegetables as potatoes, parsnips, salsify, spinach, mustard, turnip salad, etc. Several of these vegetables will be in the garden only a short time. Plan to group the vegetables together so there will be space for successive plantings. Do the same thing with mid-season plantings. Then you will have an ideal block to plant in July and August, for a fall and winter garden.

Some of the vegetabes planted in March will be in the garden throughout the growing season, such as parsnips, salsify, eggplant, and peppers. Group these long-maturing vegetables on one side of the garden with the perennials.

Don't overlook the value of perennials, Beamer urges. To establish an asparagus bed, plant one—or two two-year-old roots in the garden this year. This is an excellent fresh vegetable for the table in early spring and is good for quick freezing. Rhubard should be added to the garden, especially at elevations of 1,000 feet or over. The roots of the Canada Red variety should be included if quick freezing is planned. The green-stemmed rhubard such as Myatt's Victoria makes excellent sauce and pies.

For garden fertilizer, 5-10-10 or 5-10-5 is recommended. For leafy and fruit vegetables, broadcast it at a rate of 25 to 30 pounds per 1,000 square feet and work into the soil at least a week to 10 days before planting. For root crops, 4 or 5 pounds of fertilizer per 100 feet of row should be put in the open row and mixed thoroughly with the soil.

Don't forget good seedbed preparation. After planting, the application of a mulch (sawdust, straw, or leaves) is beneficial to many vegetable crops.

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BURKLEY H. GUILL AT CHEVROLET BANQUET

Burkley H. Guill, manager of the parts department of Moses Motor Company, Appomattox, was honored at a banquet held at the Hotel Jefferson in Richmond Feb. 23.

He was one of 40 parts managers from Chevrolet dealerships in the Richmond Zone who qualified for the 1954 Record Club. Membership in the honorary club is determined by a point-system based on proficiency in parts and accessory sales.

Those honored at the banquet in Richmond were presented awards and certificates and enjoyed a program of entertainment following the dinner.

P. C. Loehr, Richmond zone manager, announced that dealerships comprising the zone last year compiled the best parts and accessories sales record in the Eastern region and that the zone was fifth among 42 in the nation.

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Rocks

Rocks, Feb. 28.- Farmers have been busy working on their plant beds.

Cpl. Loyd Richardson returned home Tuesday after serving in the Army for eighteen months. We welcome him home.

Randall Wooldridge had charge of the prayer service on Tuesday night, as the pastor was away.

Samuel Dickerson missed last week from school on account of sickness.

Mrs. D. R. Inge had several of her children to spend Sunday with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranson and children were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John at Evergreen awhile Sunday afternoon.

A very sad gloom was cast over our community over the week-end when our beloved Dr. David Christian was killed on Friday night. He was loved by all who knew him. Deepest sympathy is extended his wife and children and his father.

A program for the Week of Prayer was given on Sunday night after Training Union. Mrs. Clara Garrett and Cassie Baldwin presented it. An offering was taken for Home Missions.

Melvin Garrett called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. ... awhile Saturday morning.

Friends are sorry to ... Roy Lucado is in a ... Petersburg.

Mrs. Louise Burks ... her parents, Mr. and ... Marks Saturday.

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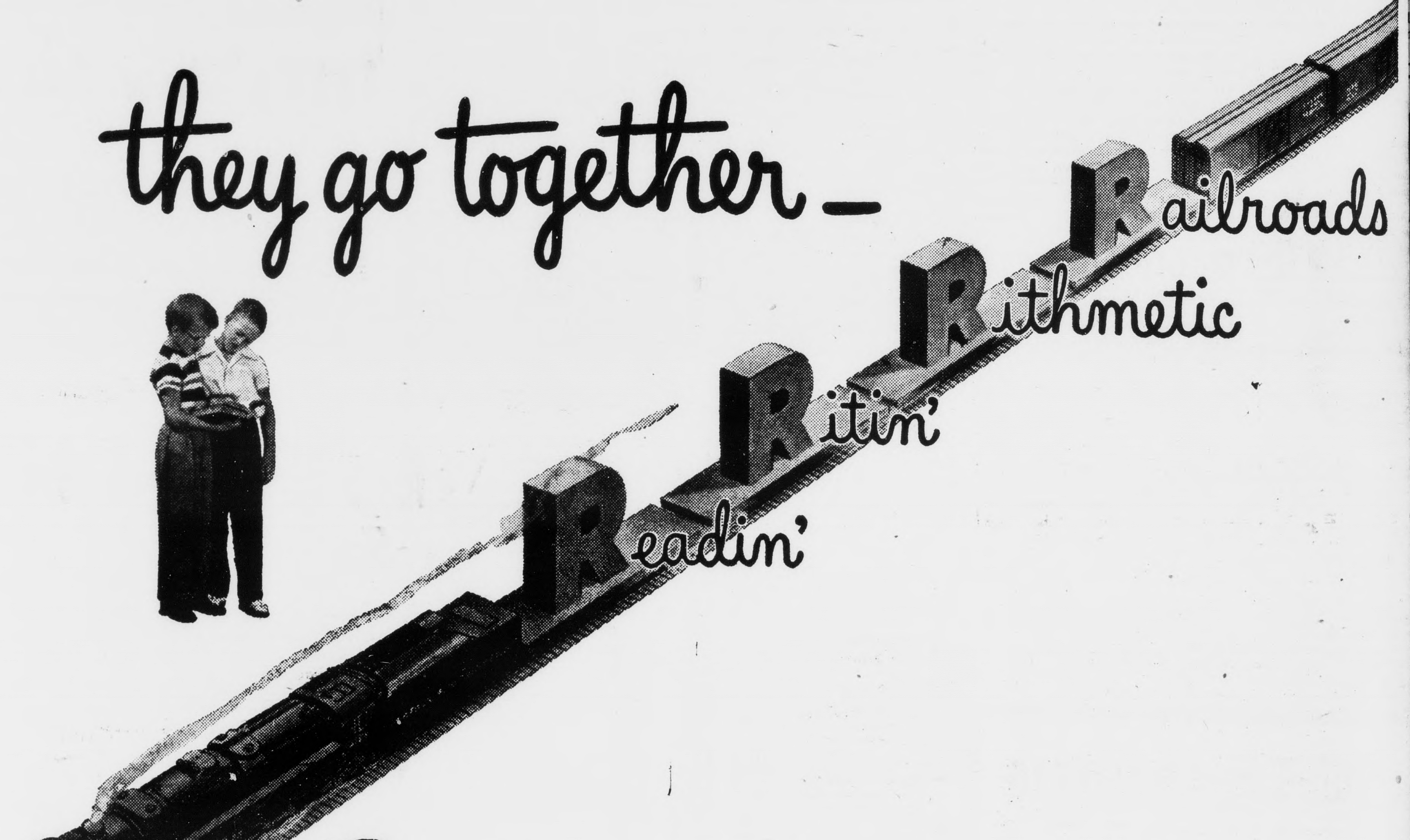

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During 1954, the Norfolk and Western paid $8,618,835 in taxes to six states in which it operates. A substantial part of this sum was used for schools. For example, in just two counties served by the railroad more than $650,000 in N. & W. taxes was used to run the public schools. This amount of money pays the annual education of 3,552 children in the two counties.

In addition to state taxes, the N. & W. in 1954 paid $27,611,740 in federal and other taxes, a part which also was used to maintain and operate public schools.

When you look at it this way, it's easy to see the Railroads go hand-in-hand with better Readin', Ritin' and 'Rithmetic.

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AHS Newscast

By Jane Holt

Appomattox, Virginia
March 1, 1955

[Dear] June,

[The] big news around A. H. S. this [week is that] both boys' and girls' teams [won] third place in the basketball [tourna]ment. The boys journey to [Altavis]ta, where all the games will [be pla]yed, tonight to play William [Campb]ell. Thursday night the girls [will pl]ay Brookville. We have lost [two g]ames previously to Brookville. However, here's wishing both teams the best of luck. Last night, Altavista was the visiting team here at A. H. S. The [team, l]ed by "Boots" Carter with [... poi]nts, chalked up their final [game] of the regular scheduled [season.] In the preliminary game the [girls pl]ayed a most exciting game, [tying] it up in the final minute and [then pl]aying two overtime play-offs. [Howeve]r, we lost by two points, 45-...

[The] Forensic Club presented their [plays la]st Wednesday to the student[s a]nd the public. At the night [perform]ance, when the plays were [judged,] "Sparkin'" won. Those who [play]ed various characters in the [play w]ere: Edna Gregory, Lucy Per[due, R]uth Slagle, and Bobby Bar[ger. Th]ese people will go to William [Flemi]ng on March 9th to compete [with ot]her schools.

[Last] morning was club day. The [Hi-Y c]lubs, and the Tri-Hi-Y clubs [met. Th]e Sr. Tri-Hi-Y and the Hi-Y members to attend our annual Model General Assembly. From the Tri-Hi-Y we have Edna Gregory as co-president of the Senate; Shawn Mabley, House Delegate, and Jane Holt, Senator. Alternatives in their places are Peggy Henry and Lucy Perdue. From the Hi-Y, Jerry George is going as a Senator; John Paul Rothgeb, representative, and Ronnie Lewis as reporter from the school. Alternatives are Bobby Barger, Buddy Poe and Thomas Weakley. We discussed our bill, but due to much controversy over two bills we still remain undecided.

During the Jr. Tri-Hi-Y meeting the members decided to have a mother - daughter banquet March 25th. They, too, discussed plans for Model General Assembly.

We felt very pleased with our F. F. A. students here. They represented A. H. S. by putting on a performance in Lynchburg Friday. Among them were Bobby Barger, Claude Allen Moore, Ralph Harris, Ralph Reynolds, and James Cheatham.

Last week the student council met. They are beginning to revise the S. C. A. Handbook. The Council elected Edna Gregory, Betty Dale Robinson and Floyd Fleshman to attend the annual State S. C. A. convention at Madison College in Harrisonburg.

This concludes the news around the grounds of A. H. S. Be looking for more news next week.

'Til then,
Jane.

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DISEASE CONTROL FOR GRASSES AND LEGUMES

Disease control has become a progressively important problem with the intensified use of grasses and legumes, says S. B. Fenne, the plant pathologist at VPI.

So-called "running out" of stands of perennial grasses and legumes often can be traced to diseases which build up from one season to the next. For example, note the bacterial wilt of alfalfa. Use of resistant varieties of alfalfa is the only practical control. Buffalo is a good variety, resistant to wilt, and adapted to Virginia conditions.

In addition, growers should follow certain cultural practices which may help maintain stands even though disease is present, and which will help retard development of disease in new areas. Maintain high soil fetility levels, particularly for potassum and phosphorus; prevent injury to crown and roots; mow plants only when dry; always cut healthy stands of alfalfa before mowing older diseased fields; do not reseed old alfalfa fields until infected roots have completely rotted; and do not seed fields that receive surface drainage from infected areas.

Feeding Analysis For Cattle ..

The rates of concentrate supplements needed for milk cows on good pasture are low compared with amounts normally fed, research at the Middleburg branch of VPI Agricultural Experiment Station indicates.

In the tests, many of the cattle have refused grain during the flush spring growth of pasture. This suggests that grain feeding might be eliminated during spring. Carbohydrate supplements are satisfactory for cows grazing good pastures.

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Devotional Reading: I John 3:-14-18.

New Life in Christ

Lesson for March 6, 1955

THE human race is a strange mixture of friendship, and quarrels. People can't get along without one another, or with one another either. People flock together in all sorts of clubs and organizations and yet many of these gatherings of people either spend their time fighting some other groups, or even fighting among themselves. The trouble is that most bonds uniting men are neither deep nor strong enough to stand the strains life places on them. Business partnerships break up at the breath of failure; political combinations are as fragile as old china; while as for international alliances, most people have now forgotten that ten years ago Russia was counted one of our best friends and Germany our worst enemy.

Dr. Foreman

The True Center

There is one fellowship, and just one, which is world-wide, which has cemented persons and peoples of the most diverse kinds, which has endured past the dying of innumerable other bonds and unions. This closest of all the bonds known on earth is the fellowship of Christian love. If some romantic person rises to ask if the bond of love between man and his wife is not the strongest tie between human beings, it must be pointed out that the records of the divorce courts show that the marriage bond is much less likely to break down where husband and wife are both practicing Christians, — that is to say, it is Christian fellowship that keeps marriage-fellowship from breakdown. Now what makes the fellowship of true Christian love so strong? It isn't that Christians are so much more lovable than other persons. The secret is not in the Christians, it is in Christ. Why do iron filings gather so closely together around a magnet? Take the magnet away and they scatter easily. Take Christ out of the church and it soon falls apart in indifference and even bitter quarrels. "We love, because he first loved us," is the secret of right Christian fellowship.

Breaking Barriers

We have many barriers in modern life which divide us into tight groups, misunderstanding and often undermining one another. There are management and labor, urban and rural, adults and adolescents, white and Negro, high and low salary-bracket, and so on. The fact is that none of these barriers is anywhere nearly so strong as was the line, in early Christian times, between Jew and Gentile, or between master and slave. These were simply uncrossable barriers. Master and slave, Jew and Gentile, were not class distinctions, they were ironclad castes. The most astounding thing about the Christian church, in its fresh early years,—astounding even to leaders like Paul—was that these caste-lines had been erased in the Christian fellowship. Jew and Gentile remembered only that they both loved the same Christ who had died for all. Master and slave met as brothers when they became Christians. The sharpest human divisions faded in the light of the cross. So it is today. People who live in segregated churches, whether the segregation-line is economic of Christian fellowships that cross these human lines by the divine force of Christian love.

Questions for Church Members

The final test of a church, whether it is a true church,—whether a particular congregation has a right to call itself a part of Christ's true church, — the final test is that of fellowship. It would be a good idea for church members to give themselves a stiff examination on this line. Do the members of this church treat one another in a more brotherly way than outsiders do? Are social, racial, economic class-lines drawn between this and other churches, even inside the church itself, or is this one place where all meet on one common ground? Do the members share with one another, and if so, what do they share? Is there for example a sharing in prayer? If one member has had a high experience, do others hear about it? If one needs the other's prayers, is he free to say so, and why? Would a stranger to this church get the impression that this is a group gathered for convenience only, or a genuine fellowship of love?

Accent on Speed

To speed up unloading of railroad coal gondolas at terminal points, electric vibrating devices shake the cars so that the coal runs quickly through the hoppers, emptying a full load in less than two minutes.

Stonewall

Stonewall, March 1.- Let us all hope and pray that March will bring us some pretty sunshiny weather, and the mud will dry up.

Our community, with the other places, was so saddened by the death of a young doctor last Saturday, Dr. D. A. Christian, III. We want to extend deepest sympathy to his aged father, his wife and children, sisters, brother, and all the other relatives.

So glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnett have returned home safely after a vacation in Florida and other places of interest.

Mr. Jessie Davidson spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Lester Carson and Mr. Carson.

The Rev. F. J. Wingfield preached at Bethel Church on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. He had with him his daughter and so-in-law, and their family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Carwile, Jr., and Kathie and Cynthia, of Lynchburg, who were visiting their parents at Appomattox.

We want to extend deepest sympathy to Mr. John Harrison in the loss of his father and aunt at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and two children, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mrs. Monroe Dysse, of Robertsdale, Ala., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings, after being called here by the death of her cousin, Dr. David A. Christian, III.

Mr. Tommie Davidson and children visited Mrs. Davidson in Virginia Baptist Hospital on Sunday. Glad she is improving. Hope she will soon be well and back home to her loved ones and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesey Bethel and Linda, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her father, Mr. C. D. Drinkard.

Mrs. J. H. Beard has returned home after spending last week in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Epperley and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard.

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YES SIR, FELLOWS! . . . I have built them and sent them so far into the wide blue 'yonder until I could hardly see them . . . But I'm no "expert."

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